

# **SCTF RESIDENT PROFILE**

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A Special Commitment Center (SCC) resident begins his transition into the community when he receives a court-ordered conditional release to a less restrictive alternative (LRA) placement. A secure community transition facility (SCTF) is such a placement. While residing in the SCTF, the resident is required to continue to participate in sex offender treatment in a community setting with a court-approved sex offender treatment provider (SOTP). The SOTP provides treatment for the resident, work closely with the SCTF program, and provides monthly reports to the court regarding the resident's progress. The resident also participates in other community-based activities that may include educational or vocational training, substance abuse or other treatment, employment, visits with family and friends, professional appointments, shopping at specified stores, and recreation.

A resident's activities in the community must be planned and scheduled in advance of the actual occurrence. All activities must conform to conditions imposed by the court's order of release and be pre-approved by the transition team (composed of the SOTP, the resident's assigned community corrections officer (CCO), and the manager of the SCTF). At least one court authorized individual—an SCTF staff, the SOTP or the CCO—must escort each resident whenever a resident leaves the SCTF. The escort must carry a cellular telephone and supervise the resident closely, maintaining close proximity to the resident at all times. SCTF staff receives specific training in emergency procedures and are knowledgeable of the resident's offense history and behavioral patterns. Each SCTF resident is also required to wear an electronic monitoring device at all times.

Since many of the residents have lived in institutions for much of their lives, assistance or training in basic skills may be essential to a resident's successful transition to community-based living. Each resident in the SCTF program has an individualized treatment plan that is designed to address the resident's unique needs. The resident must take an active part in developing his plan in consultation with the transition team.

Public safety is essential to the success of the SCTF program and its residents. To assure that goal, the SCTF program works closely with law enforcement and other community professionals. In any community where an SCTF is established, the SCC administration and SCTF program staff work with the community representatives to establish appropriate emergency procedures and to define respective roles and responsibilities. Through contracts with local communities, the SCTF also provides training to local law enforcement on the legal and constitutional requirements of the civil commitment program, emergency procedures, and other topics that support effective communications between the program and the community.